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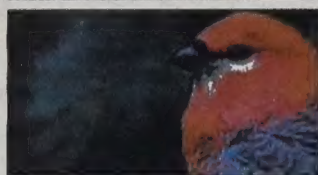
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Devolin savours an evening of victory

by BRYN WEESE
Times Staff

Late on Monday night, local Conservative MP Barry Devolin was re-elected in a landslide victory. With the festivities in Lindsay, many supporters from Minden were understandably unable to attend.

To re-live the experience at Devolin's campaign headquarters, below is a brief timeline of events.

8:00 p.m.— Devolin and supporters begin to

arrive at the Winchester Pub in downtown Lindsay. Blue balloons and Devolin signs adorn the inside while a big screen television and amphitheatre-like seating provide for following the national coverage on CBC.

9:18 — Devolin is admittedly anxious about the



Barry Devolin watches the results come in.

evening that lies ahead. "I describe it as the expectant father waiting for the news," he said. "I've done everything that I can do."

Early on, Devolin said that he did not expect a big change in the support from the voters of Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock.

9:30 — The polls close in Ontario and the Ontario results begin to appear on television in addition to the results of the East Coast. The Liberals maintain their preliminary lead

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You're not going anywhere

Red Hawks winger Zach Joanu tangles with a Spartans forward deep in the offensive zone during a home game against LCVI on Jan. 16. Joanu finished with three points (1 goal 1 assist) in the game. HHSS has 12 points and is tied with the Kenner Rams for fourth place in the AA Kawartha Boys High School Hockey League.

Halls Lake Road leads to council

by BRYN WEESE
Times Staff

The ongoing road repairs scheduled for Halls Lake Road have caused a bit of a stir among property owners along the road. They're not concerned that the municipality isn't doing enough; on the contrary, the ratepayers are concerned that the township may be doing too much.

Jeff Becker, a resident on Halls Lake Road, appeared before Algonquin Highlands council to express his concerns about how the road work, namely resurfacing and ditch dredging, has been handled.

In the fall of 2005, Becker had compiled and submitted a petition with 50 signatures, purportedly representing 50 per cent of the ratepayers on Halls Lake Road.

"This road does belong to the municipality and if something isn't done, it increases our liability," said Algonquin Highlands Reeve Eleanor Harrison. "We have already been put on notice that we will be sued if something happens [because of the condition of the road]."

With Public Works Superintendent Brian Whetstone sitting with council at the table during Becker's address, the discussion over the way in which the construction has been handled became heated several times, prompting Harrison to remind both Whetstone and Becker that questions should be directed through her.

For Becker and the other signatories of the petition, the chief concern is information contained in a letter that was sent to residents notifying them of the upcoming construction.

In the letter, the road work planned for Halls Lake Road is described as a "major restoration," and that has some people worried.

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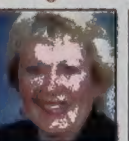
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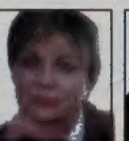
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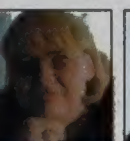
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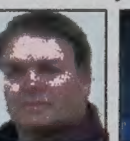
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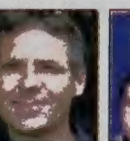
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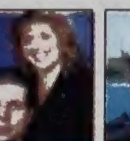
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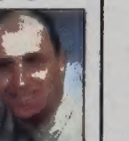
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Re-elected MP Barry Devolin, at far right, accepts a "Harper 1" T-shirt from Conservative supporter David Bishop, a resident from Haliburton County, to the cheers and applause of other supporters at the election night party at the Winchester Arms in Lindsay. Devolin's wife Ursula records the happy moment.

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Cheering erupts as Conservative votes surge ahead

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in the leading or elected ridings.

9:43 – Cheers ring out in the Winchester Pub as Devolin is flashed across the CBC screen and shown to have an early lead. The crowd increasingly congregates near the large screen television at the front of the pub.

9:50 – The Conservatives take the lead in leading or elected ridings. They held the lead for the remainder of the night.

10:08 – CBC projects a Conservative minority government to cheers from Devolin's supporters in the Winchester.

10:09 – With 17 polls reporting from Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock, Devolin's lead grows with 1,267 votes in his favour versus 687 votes for Liberal Greg Walling. Quickly, another poll announcement follows. With 31 polls reporting, Devolin has 2,530 votes to Walling's 1,485 votes.

10:10 – CBC projects Devolin as the winner for Haliburton – Kawartha Lakes – Brock, but the announcement is only flashed on the bottom of the screen. Many miss the announcement. Word starts to spread slowly.

10:17 – Devolin declares victory in the election. "If no one else will, I am declaring victory," he said. "So long as we get one more vote than the next guy, that's all that

matters."

10:30 – With 50 of the 240 polls reporting for the riding, Devolin is shown to have nearly 2,000 votes more than Walling. The crowd claps and cheers, but is not easily heard over the growing excitement and noise.

11:15 – With Devolin's victory assured, Walling visits Devolin to concede the election and to offer congratulations. His visit is brief and quiet.

11:30 – NDP candidate Anne MacDermid also visits Devolin to concede the election and offer congratulations. MacDermid stays longer than Walling.

12:40 – With all 240 polls reported and recorded, Devolin wins in a landslide by more than 12,000 votes. Nearly achieving his goal of garnering 50 per cent of the popular vote in the riding, he manages 49 per cent but says, "there is always next time."

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Local voters take keen interest in election

by ROMAN ZAKALUZYNY
Osprey Media Group

Perhaps a bigger surprise than Monday's actual election results was voter turnout numbers, both local and national.

Predicted by some experts to attract even fewer voters than the last election, which had the worst voter turn-out since the 1800s, more Canadians showed up to cast their ballots.

A combination of bad weather and increasing voter cynicism was supposed to drive voters away in droves. But the opposite occurred.

Locally, more than 68 per cent of eligible voters cast ballots in Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock (the number is still unofficial). That's an increase of more than four percentage points from 18 months ago.

Nationally, the increase was even bigger: unofficially, 65 per cent of Canadians showed up on election day, up from 60 per cent in 2004.

"It's hard for us to tell why the turnout was higher," said Rejean Grenier, a regional media advisor for Elections Canada. "We'd like to think it's because we did such a great job. But let's face it: what really makes people vote is an interest in politics."

Weather was likely not a factor. In Haliburton County, clear, sunny skies with the high hovering around zero degrees with a slight wind probably did not deter many voters.

According to Environment Canada meteorologists, most of the country experienced above average temperatures and sunny skies.

When asked why turnout went up, Grenier said it might be the combination of a close, interesting political race, Elections Canada advertising and media co-operation.

"In this election, every pundit was predicting it was going to be a close race, and I believe it makes people turn out," he said.

Grenier, a parent himself, saved particular praise for the independent Student Vote program. Conducted a week prior to election day, Grenier speculated the program may have pushed up the number of adults who voted Jan. 23.

"(In total), 445,000 kids voted," he said. "You know what they did when they got home? I have two kids in high school. They said 'Hey, I voted today,' and the whole discussion around the supper table that night was about the election. I'll bet you in some houses, the kids brought the election home."

At Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, 247 students voted. The results show that if MP Barry Devolin wants to win future elections, he'd better concentrate on the youth vote. Only 68 students voted for him while 64 went for the Green Party, 62 tied their sails to the Liberals and 53 liked the NDP the best.

Grenier also said the media reinforced that an important day was at hand.

"[The media] put the election in the face of the voters. It's right there. People see the election every day. [Voters] talk about the elections, and they start thinking of the elections. So, the media did things right."

"But the bottom line is the politicians made it interesting," he added. "The polls also made it interesting."



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Liberal candidate Greg Walling and his campaign staff walk back to their campaign office on William St. in Lindsay following his concession speech to re-elected MP Barry Devolin.

Optimism turns to introspection at Liberal campaign 'party'

by LANCE CROSSLEY
Times Staff

It didn't take long for Liberal headquarters in Lindsay to go from celebration to introspection on election night. Supporters gathered in the Olympia, a cavernous Greek restaurant decked in warm primary colours of yellow and red, to cheer on their candidate Greg Walling in what was hoped to be a close race. The stage was set for a victory party with red and white balloons, catered food, a live band, and a giant screen TV to watch the national results develop.

Unfortunately for Walling, the night ended up in disappointment. His Conservative opponent Barry Devolin took an astounding 49 per cent of the popular vote in the riding by the end of the night. Here's a blow-by-blow account of what happened that night in the Liberal camp:

9:10 p.m.—Catherine King, a campaign organizer for Walling, is on a cell phone writing down some information on a pad. Dressed in a spotless white dress shirt framed in a bright red jacket and matching pants, King hangs up the phone with a smile. With a sense of anticipation — an almost surprised feeling of hope for the evening ahead — she tells a few nearby reporters that Liberals are confirmed winners in 17 Maritime ridings and leading in three others. She says Greg Walling is expected to arrive at the party shortly after polls close at 9:30 p.m.

9:20 —Olympia owner Nicki Dedes is sitting in a booth waiting in anticipation for the results to start coming in. Dedes, who went to school with Walling, admits she is somewhat anxious and expects the local results to be very close. "You just talk to people about [the election] and you feel a certain level of tension," says Dedes. "I think that is evocative of what's going on. People are playing in their heads 'What's the right thing to do?'"

9:35 —The first local results are expected soon, as is the arrival of Greg Walling. Richard Christie, a media specialist with the Walling campaign, is talking about the difficulty of defeating a united right and how local Liberals have

had to reconfigure their strategy. Christie says the Liberals have to build a "bigger tent" to attract borderline NDP and Conservative voters.

10:00 —Walling supporters are fixated on the giant screen TV as CBC displays

*"I think the
Liberal party
needs renewal"*

GREG WALLING

the Conservatives leading the Liberals 80 seats to 70. Christie turns to a Liberal supporter in a leather jacket and says with a sarcastic grin: "Prime Minister Harper".

10:05 —Still no sign of Walling. Christie turns away from the TV towards some reporters. With the same heartbreak of a teenage boy who just lost his high school sweetheart, Christie tells them with a feigned smile: "Conservative minority." A nearby Liberal supporter laments the lack of foresight among voters in Canada and thinks people should "look before they leap".

10:15 —The first results from the riding are in. Catherine King writes on a white board that Devolin's camp is leading 777 to Walling's 377. Supporters do not appear overly concerned as the numbers reflect only 15 of the ridings 238 polls. A reporter from another newspaper grumbles under his breath about the fact that Walling still has not shown up.

10:20 —With 31 polls reporting, King wipes the board clean and reveals that Devolin has increased his lead 2,500 to 1,483 votes.

10:25 —Nine more polls reporting and Devolin has made another increase, leading Walling by 1,500 votes.

10:28 —It doesn't look like it's getting any better for Walling. Devolin has widened the gap to 2,000 votes.

10:30 —Richard Christie takes a few reporters away from the hearing range of supporters and confides Walling is calling the election. He says Walling will be arriving in a few short minutes to give a concession speech. Ten minutes later, the gap between Walling and Devolin increases to 4,000 votes.

10:45 —Walling arrives dressed in suit and tie with his wife and campaign staff while a live band plays Tina Turner's "Simply the Best". He takes off his winter jacket and white scarf and receives warm embraces from a long line of emotional supporters. Eventually he takes the mike and tries to lighten the mood. "My dad always said that win or lose, the Liberals always have a good party. And this looks like the beginning of one." Walling goes on to say he feels they've gone a long way toward rebuilding the party in the riding and that he intends on running in the next election, which is greeted by the crowd with the loudest applause of the night.

11:10 —Walling and his handlers make their way to the nearby Devolin camp to offer their official congratulations.

11:30 —A couple of reporters and Walling retreat to the back of the Olympia for some one-on-one interviews. In the background, the party is still going strong, but the mood has changed from anticipation to reflection about what went wrong and the unknown future ahead. "I think the Liberal Party needs renewal," says Walling over the crowd's voices, seemingly resigned to the long road ahead.

The Conservative went on to win that night by more than 12,000 votes, more than twice the margin of loss former Liberal incumbent John O'Reilly suffered in 2004. When all was said and done, Liberals could only muster 29 per cent of the popular vote in the riding — a five-percentage point drop from the 2004 results. The biggest vote gain went to the NDP, which picked up the 2,000 votes that the Liberals lost.

Local and national election results

Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock

Conservative Barry Devolin
29,427 votes; 49.0 per cent
Liberal Greg Walling
17,246 votes; 28.7 per cent
NDP Anne MacDermid
10,340 votes; 17.2 per cent
Green Party Andy Harjula
3,017 votes; 5.0 per cent

National

Conservatives: 124 seats;
36.25 per cent of popular vote
Liberals: 103 seats
30.22 per cent of popular vote
Bloc Quebecois: 51 seats;
10.48 per cent of popular vote
NDP: 29 seats;
17.49 per cent of popular vote
Independent: 1 seat
.52 per cent of popular vote

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New Democrat Party candidate Anne MacDermid speaks with a Liberal handler and a local reporter in her campaign office in Lindsay on election night. She increased the NDP's popularity in the riding.

Individual poll results not made public for privacy reasons

by BRYN WEESE
Times Staff

Nationwide, there are empty spaces in newspapers where the results of individual polls would sit. Normally, in this very space would be the results of all polls in Haliburton County.

Polls, where voters cast their ballots, are an integral way for the public to learn about voter trends in their area. Which areas supported whom and where is important not only to the public but also to the politicians themselves who may want to know where to focus more effort in the future.

This year, however, Elections Canada

decided that the results from individual polls would not be released. Instead, on election night, poll numbers were released in groupings of several undisclosed polls.

"On previous election nights, you would see each poll coming in, which ones you're winning and which ones you're losing. You could see how the momentum was shifting," said Barry Devolin's campaign manager, Jamie Schmale, about the previous format of releasing individual poll results. "[Without the poll results], it doesn't have the same excitement."

Schmale was not aware of the new rules introduced this year. In Lindsay on the night of the election, charted placards

hung on the walls waiting to be filled with incoming results, but none ever came.

"We had spent a lot of volunteer hours preparing those charts," said Schmale. "We were not aware of the new rules...It does make it frustrating."

A spokesperson for Elections Canada says the Chief Electoral Officer of Canada, Jean-Pierre Kingsley, implemented the new rules at the national level and that it had nothing to do with the individual electoral officer for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock.

The spokesperson also said the new rules had a purpose.

"It was decided not to make them available right away, primarily because the

vote is private," said the spokesperson. "The way people voted were known because there were so few people voting at particularly small polls."

The spokesperson added that Elections Canada had received many calls from journalists and campaign organizers about the new regulations on election night.

When asked, Elections Canada said the results for individual polls would be made public likely within 100 days.

However, Schmale said that his staff had been told they would be made aware of the individual poll results within seven days, giving hope that newspapers may yet be able to publish individual poll results before the next election.

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MacDermid puts NDP on riding map

by BRYN WEESE
Times Staff

The ability to see the good in a bad situation is a commendable trait among people, even more rare and more honourable in politicians. Anne MacDermid is just such a politician.

Although defeated in the 39th Canadian General Election, the NDP candidate was pleased with her team's efforts, particularly with regard to getting health care talked about.

"We wanted to put some issues on the table," said MacDermid. "We wanted to put health care and the environment and pensions on the table. We've got a lot of seniors in this riding living on very, very, very limited means."

"We wanted to bring those issues forward and that was my goal and I think we did it to a certain extent," she added.

But MacDermid admittedly did not do everything she set out to do.

"I was sorry that the environment did not get more play," she said. "I think it's usually important for the riding."

By many accounts, MacDermid ran a very good campaign. She performed well at the all-candidates meetings; she displayed a good sense of humour and informed policy knowledge throughout the campaign that resulted in a surge of NDP support among Haliburton -

Kawartha Lakes-Brock. MacDermid's performance was the best among NDP candidates locally in recent elections.

This year, MacDermid received 10,340 votes, an increase of 2,000 votes from Gil McElroy's performance for the NDP in 2004.

Likewise, MacDermid increased the NDP's share of the popular vote in the riding from 15 per cent in 2004 to 17.2 per cent in this election. Nationally, the NDP received 17.49 per cent of the popular vote.

Early on in the campaign, MacDermid had said she was hoping to make real inroads into the riding for the NDP. Although her party increased its representation in Ottawa, MacDermid still fell short of a victory here. Inroads, however, is something she most surely did make throughout the campaign.



Strong showings at all-candidates meetings, like this one in Haliburton, earned votes for Anne MacDermid.

Chamber of Commerce moving across highway

by BRYN WEESE
Times Staff

As of February 1, the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce will no longer be in the tourism information centre. They have secured new office space across Highway 35 in the Carriage House building.

"We are not going to be in the same building [as the tourism information centre]," said the Chamber's President Eric Christiansen, "but we will continue to promote tourism in whatever way we can."

Christiansen is confident that, despite the odd mishap in the early days, the new Chamber office will be equally recognizable to the public.

"When people come [to the tourist information centre] to talk about Chamber business, yeah, there will be a learning curve at first," he said.

Christiansen says that the move is not financially motivated. Although the county is renting the Chamber-owned building on Highway 35 to run the tourist information centre, the new Chamber office will also be incurring rent expenses for the Chamber. He says they will balance out.

"The Chamber is not going to suffer

financially by moving across the street," he said. "But it will not be a revenue generation; it's revenue neutral."

The new Chamber office will be more spacious than the last with three additional offices, each 120 square feet, available to Chamber members to rent for an in-town location for their business.

Also, Christiansen says the Chamber will continue to serve and promote its members, most certainly including continued tourism promotion, despite not being under contract by the county.

The Chamber is no longer under contract by the county to promote all tourism in the county. It now has the time to focus much of its tourism promotion on the services offered by their members, many of whom are in the tourism industry.

As part of the new direction that the Chamber is now free to pursue, later this year it is organizing a weekend-long winter festival in Haliburton to promote the county and their businesses as well as to attract outside dollars into the community. Also tentatively planned for the spring is a rock and gem show to highlight the area's geological resources as well as the tourism opportunities associated with rock collecting.

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Party poopers

In the most recent election, putting Canada out of its Liberal misery this past Monday night, Paul Martin and the federal Liberals were both the bad and the ugly. Never had a campaign been so poorly executed, so slow off the mark, so dimwitted and so cynical.

Moreover, for all the hubbub about Stephen Harper hamming up Liberal scandal in 2004, Martin and his team inexcusably spent every last dollar in the Liberal party coffers on wildly inaccurate attack ads that not surprisingly blew up in Martin's face and may even have cost him the election. As they say in politics, the party most often defeats itself.

Harper, on the other hand, ran the quintessential "perfect" campaign. He successfully conveyed to voters the Conservative vision for Canada and refrained from harping on Liberal corruption, cronyism and scandal. With the exception of an off-the-cuff remark about a predominantly Liberal senate, bureaucracy and court (which is true, after all), a quip that kept Martin alive and kicking through the final leg of the campaign trail, Harper's campaign, carefully choreographed, quite possibly won him the election.

But surprisingly, Canadians didn't buy it hook, line and sinker. The thin minority mandate awarded to Harper and his Conservatives reeks of typical Canadian indecisiveness and our penchant for reluctantly accepting change. Toronto especially surprised most pundits by continuing to paint the big T.O. red, with the exception of three seats for the NDP.

But despite Toronto, Montreal, Vancouver and a handful of ridings out East, the Liberal party failed to secure seats in any noteworthy numbers elsewhere. Why? They were once (and will be again no doubt) a great national party with support in both Canada's urban and hinter lands. Over the last 12 years, not exclusively under Martin's tenure, the federal Liberals fell out of touch with Canada. Odd, since their micro-managerial style of governing relied so heavily on public opinion polls and listening (and governing) according to every whim of the Canadian people.

Somewhere along the way, the Liberals lost vision. Without it, they could no longer attract Canadians to join them under the Liberal umbrella. Instead, they tried to build the world's biggest umbrella that was all things to all people all the time. Unlike the Conservatives in this most recent election, the Liberals failed to give Canadians anything to vote for and rally behind. They hoped that we would re-elect them based solely on their track record, and while that is what most incumbent governments should do, theirs was more tainted by corruption, risible inaction, endless bureaucracy, cynicism and cronyism.

That said, it is no mystery that the Liberals are the naturally governing party of Canada. A party more often than not wedded to the status quo is hugely successful in Canada, if only so that we can rest on our laurels of 50 years ago even more. However, the naturally governing Liberals cannot govern forever. Without change, democracy quickly becomes autocracy and most political scholars would agree that change is indeed the most vital process to ensure the health and well-being of a democracy, or even a pseudo-democracy such as ours.

No one, not even "Mr. Dithers" himself, could deny that renewal in the Liberal party is most definitely needed now. The omnipotent polls he loves so much have told him so, but the appropriate time for renewal is not while you are governing. It is as the opposition that the Liberals should revamp themselves. Restructure the party and restructure their vision. Actors have intermissions for costume changes and new makeup, the Liberals have the Tories.

- Bryn Weese

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TO THE EDITOR

Times readers write

Reader leery of supporting U.S.

To the Editor:

This is in response to a letter and article in the Jan. 12th paper entitled "Americans are good neighbours". The gist of it was that we do not appreciate our good American neighbours as they deserve to be appreciated. I think we should be realistic about the U.S. government (something different from the people of the U.S.) and if we are realistic we will not give that unstinting admiration.

Your correspondent says, "Without

Americans in World Wars I and II, we Canadians and many others ... would unmistakably be dancing to a different tune". It would be a different and much worse world if Nazi Germany had conquered Europe, yes, but a worse world for the United States as well as for us and the others. The U.S. didn't want to be faced with a Europe dominated by the Axis and the East dominated by the Japanese and that is why they fought, for their own well being. Canada fought in that war just as

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IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

The right to choose

It's not often that I write about issues that are important to me, let alone anyone else, but this recent federal election reminded me, once again, that we live in a free society - something we all should cherish.

At the heart of any great democracy is the right to choose and enjoy self-determination. And, with that, there should also be the recognition that there are those who would strip away these fundamental rights. Needless to say, it is incumbent upon each of us to guard against this.

This morning, as I woke and changed into stylish underwear - the kind that no red-blooded man would ever buy - the full weight of this statement hit home. Somewhere along the way, I had lost the right to choose my underwear.

Single men will be appalled by this confession, but I suspect that every married man whose wife allows him to read this will understand completely. After all, the right to choose your undergarments is always the first to go.

Some, meaning our wives, say that

it's a matter of morality; that a man has no right to wear the kind of tattered, broken-in underwear that he'd gladly wear if left to his own devices. They say that after time underwear changes into something more, perhaps even a viable life form. But I say, when does underwear cease being underwear? How many holes and worn spots does it take? Does the mere loss of elastic support merit their demise?

Certainly these are weighty questions, perhaps better left to the great legal and philosophical minds of our time. But even after they've made lucrative careers out of not resolving the issue, I firmly believe that every man should have the right to choose his underwear. After all, it is he who, in the end, must wear them.

If, for instance, a man wants to wear

the blue Stanfield's that he wore on that day he discovered he was drilling his fishing hole in 2-inch thick ice, so be it.

That underwear now had character and he now rightfully believes that they are lucky, especially since he got his count that day.

Yet that man could not find them this morning. They had gone missing just like the ones that the dog had chewed. In their place was a stylish, thigh-length, form-fitting set of Hayne's, fresh out of the package and charcoal grey in colour. The man and this underwear had no history together and yet he was supposed to entrust

them with his most prized possessions. I don't expect women to understand how traumatic all this is. They have no loyalty to their underwear.

Sure, given time, the man and this underwear will form a bond. And, yes, in a few weeks they might even work

together as a well-oiled team, each anticipating the other's every move. And perhaps, after the nightmarish rigours of chilli night, a mutual respect might even develop, the kind that is only forged under fire.

In time, they will be happy, perhaps even inseparable. And then it happens. A seam splits. Oh sure it's unsightly, but he no longer cares for that underwear because of the way it looks or functions. No, after that first magical wedgie, he realizes that what they have goes much deeper.

So he forgives elastic failures and even covers them up in subtle ways. Yes, the suspenders or duct tape look odd, but it's the least he can do for an old and faithful friend. Why should his wife care? What gives her the right to terminate the relationship? And yet, she will, and the underwear cycle will begin anew.

As you can see, it's not about underwear, it's about a man's right to choose. Now where are my blue Stanfield's? I'm going fishing.



BEYOND35

Steve Galea

Winter's fall from grace

An old friend of mine on the hockey beat had a particularly pungent phrase that described the effect of a thundering body check on its victim.

He dropped, Frank Orr would tell me, "like a drip from a tall cow's ass."

And then he would giggle at his own wit, which is pretty much how The Brown Dog Jiggs reacted to my sudden descent to ice level one day last week on the road from Sapsucker Ridge.

The Brown Dog laughed and laughed and laughed until he wheezed, pranced and danced and wagged. And then he fell down, too, and that gave him a fresh perspective.

As for me, there was no body check, no memory of my progress from the vertical to the horizontal, no record of my trajectory, but I can tell you that at the end of it, I certainly felt like a drip that had dropped from a great height.

Like the drip, I arrived at my final destination with a splat.

Falling on the ice is not a very good idea if the ice you are falling on is at least a mile from the nearest living, breathing human being on a road that may not see another traveller until the day after tomorrow.

But then, falling on ice is the logical progression from walking on it, and for too many days in this first month of 2006, walking on my road has seemed safer than driving on it.

There is enough money in the bank to plow my private road, but not enough to sand it. Rain falls by the bucketful and leaves a thick layer of clear ice we will be stuck with until April.

For two days, Jiggs and I can't get into town and then fresh snow gives us traction. Then new rain and two more days of isolation, fresh snow, enough drizzle to wipe that away and we are marooned again.

My first fall puts me flat on my back. Though I hit the ice no more than a glancing blow, I have a stiff neck for days. I enjoy that first fall so much I try another a day or so later.

Jiggs learns to walk with short, mincing steps. He has four-foot drive, compared to my two, and so he keeps his balance, but each careful step ends for him in a slide.

I teach myself to take baby steps.

Instead of striding, I slide my right foot forward, bring my trailing foot up beside it, then repeat the process.

I seek out snowy shoulders on my road and when the snow runs out on one side, inch my way to the snow on the other shoulder. I stop moving my feet for a moment and feel myself sliding, involuntarily, downhill.

Statisticians say I am no more likely to break something on a third fall than on my first, but I

don't believe that for a minute. I have been using up my quota of harmless falls.

One day I decide the road is far too slippery for walking and try driving on it instead. On a barely tilted curve, no braking, no gear-shifting, no swerving or fish-tailing, speed perhaps five kilometres, my truck begins a gentle sideways glide.

The slide seems as inevitable as either of my falls. At the end of it, my truck is not stuck, exactly, just unable to climb back up the tilt until a little bit of a neigh-

bour's sand gets me back on the road to descend a curving hill.

Following the advice of a driving instructor in another newspaper, I slide/crawl downhill in neutral, riding the brake, never lifting my speedometer needle off the pin until I get to sand at the bottom.

The Brown Dog suggests I try skates - on me, not on him; he is always looking for new ways to amuse himself. I consider the excitement of skating down my hills and the impossibility of skating up them and tell him to mind his own business.

Jiggs has become accustomed to such ill-tempered outbursts this winter. What we have here this January is a winter that only somebody who hates winter could love, a Tennessee winter courtesy of free trade, all sloop and damp and ice with occasional bursts of snow and cool (not cold) to tease us.

Winter ought to be deep freezes at night with frost-split trees firing off gunshots in the dark, black skies filled with stars, dog barks carrying through still air from miles away, and a clean layer of new snow in the morning.

Not rain.



BACK OF BEYOND

Neil Campbell

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the States did and for much the same reasons. What reason does Canada have to feel some obligation to the U.S. in that regard? Canada did its part to the full. This is a sovereign state that has fought its own battles, allied with others, and it is not in debt to the U.S.

The Sinclair article (from 1973, who dug that up?) calls the Americans "the most generous people in all the earth." I doubt that it was true then and it isn't true now but the U.S. media would make you believe that. Here is a quote from an article on global poverty in the Scientific American Magazine of September of last year:

"Some have claimed that while the U.S.

government budget provides relatively little assistance to the poorest countries, the private sector makes up the gap. In fact, the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development has estimated that private foundations and non-governmental organizations give roughly \$6 billion a year in international assistance, or 0.05 percent of U.S. gross national product (GNP). In that case, total U.S. International aid is around 0.21 per cent of GNP - still among the lowest ratios of all donor nations."

If you watched BBC World News from your satellite receiver, you saw a BBC reporter in an aluminium boat going out day after day but there were no rescue boats out there with him.

Canada can't help the U.S. in such matters, the U.S. must help itself. The point is that there is something wrong in the U.S., the richest country in the world. It has descended into some "greed is good" culture, big on power but failing in humanity and even competence it seems. If some U.S. citizens are disappointed in

America helps itself

Canadian attitudes I'd say that Canadians have more reason to be disappointed in the U.S. If you base your attitudes on what the media puts out you will think that the U.S. is selflessly striving for the good of the world, just as the speeches from Washington say it is. If you look behind the scenes it's a different story and a bloody one, too.

Let's stand up and be a country, one that makes its own judgements and decisions, not one which just conforms to U.S. government wishes and to media bias. A lot of Americans will applaud us for that.

Barry Withers,
Minden

April 1 deadline to remove water pipes irks Halls Lake ratepayers

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"More than half of the people just want the road maintained," said Becker in response to what he believes is unnecessary construction. "We don't want a new road. I think we can come to a reasonable compromise. Everybody wants to see the road maintained."

In response, council said that sending a letter of notification is not a usual practice when beginning road work and that the plans are not final by any means.

The second part of the letter that has Becker and some other ratepayers upset is a statement that all water lines crossing under the road must be removed by April 1 so the surface can be pulverized.

"I felt there was a problem with the timeline and the constraints of the timeline," said Becker. "How am I going to dig up my lines in March when the ground is still frozen?"

Moreover, Becker said, many residents on Halls Lake Road don't even know where their pipes cross the road because they have been there for so long. The road, he says, is very old and so too are some of the lines crossing underneath it.

"There will be some ratepayers who do not know [where their lines are], and those will have to be dealt with on an individual basis," Harrison said.

While Becker focused on the letter's April 1 deadline, council indicated there

was room to maneuver.

"The letter maybe was a bit too strong," said Harrison. "I think this is an excellent opportunity for the ratepayers of Halls Lake Road to work with Brian to figure out what's there. The April 1 deadline may not be set in stone."

Presently, council and Whetstone are asking the residents to try to identify where their lines cross the road. Ideally, hydro and water lines would cross the road through the culverts on the road, but as road crews found out earlier this year, many lines cross underneath the road directly. Earlier this fall, several lines were damaged as road crews were dredging accumulated sand from the drainage ditches.

"I understand the work needs to be done, but I am asking that if you decide to go ahead with this, give us more time," Becker said.

In the early spring, road work, specifically resurfacing, is planned to continue.

Pulverizing the road's surface will damage hydro and water lines buried shallower than six inches. Whetstone has asked that pipes and lines be removed if buried less than two feet.

Council reaffirmed their desire for the residents to try and identify where their lines are and to contact Whetstone.

The municipality can be reached at 489-2379. Brian Whetstone can be reached at the road works garage at 489-2600.

Dysart council asks Algonquin Highlands to help pay for medical centre

by BRYN WEESE
Times Staff

The following are brief notes from the Algonquin Highlands council meeting held Thursday January 19 in council chambers.

Algonquin Highlands received a request from the municipality of Dysart et al for a donation toward the new Haliburton Family Medical Centre.

Dysart believes that the \$2.5 million centre, currently under construction, will also serve those from surrounding areas and municipalities, not just Haliburton. The top floor of the new facility will be provided rent-free for physicians while the bottom floor will be rented out to other healthcare professionals.

Algonquin Highlands Reeve Eleanor Harrison said that the request is valid and that it should be deferred to budget.

"It is becoming increasingly difficult to entice doctors to our area," she said to council. "I really feel that Dysart bit the bullet."

"I do feel that, at the moment, Algonquin Highlands gets off not paying for the medical needs of our residents," she added. "I would like all council members to think about why we are being asked."

Bridge needs study

Public Works Superintendent Brian Whetstone told council that a bridge

study is needed for the municipality's bridges and that the cost of repairs and maintenance could approach \$350,000 over the next 10 years.

A consultant contacted by Whetstone estimates the cost for the study alone to be \$60,000. These would be unbudgeted funds at the present time.

"Over the next 10 years, we are probably looking at \$344,000 for bridge upgrades," Chief Administrative Officer Lorne Mitchell told council.

Currently, Whetstone identified the St. Peter's Bridge as being in need of some immediate assistance, specifically the installation of approved guardrails that meet the new provincial code standards for bridges.

What's in a name?

An unidentified road near Dorset may finally have a name.

Having been in discussion with 911 for some time, 911 has finally approved the name, Clan MacKay Road, as suggested by one of the residents on the road.

"I just can figure it out," said Deputy Reeve Tom Gardner after considering earlier similar names that 911 had not approved.

Following humorous discussion about other possible names, such as Harrison Drive and Gardner Expressway, council decided to be in touch with another resident on the road who had asked to be informed of the road name updates.

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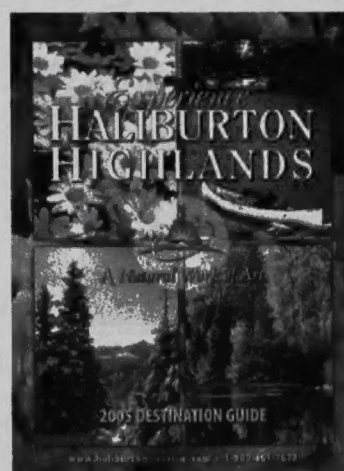
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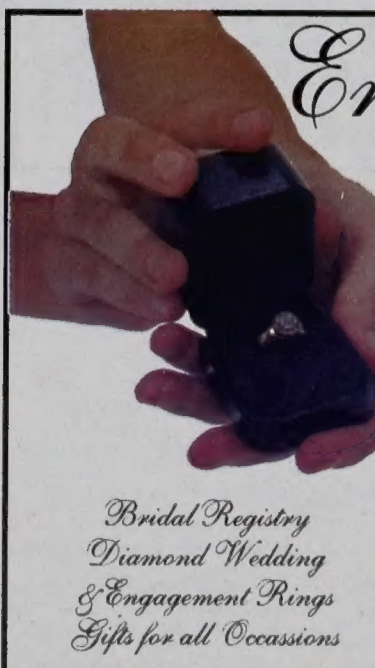
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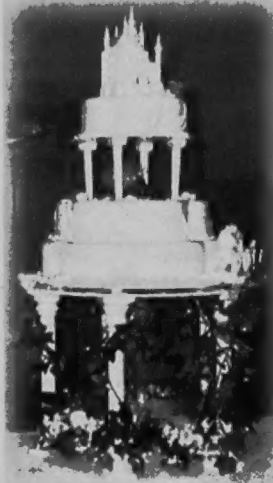
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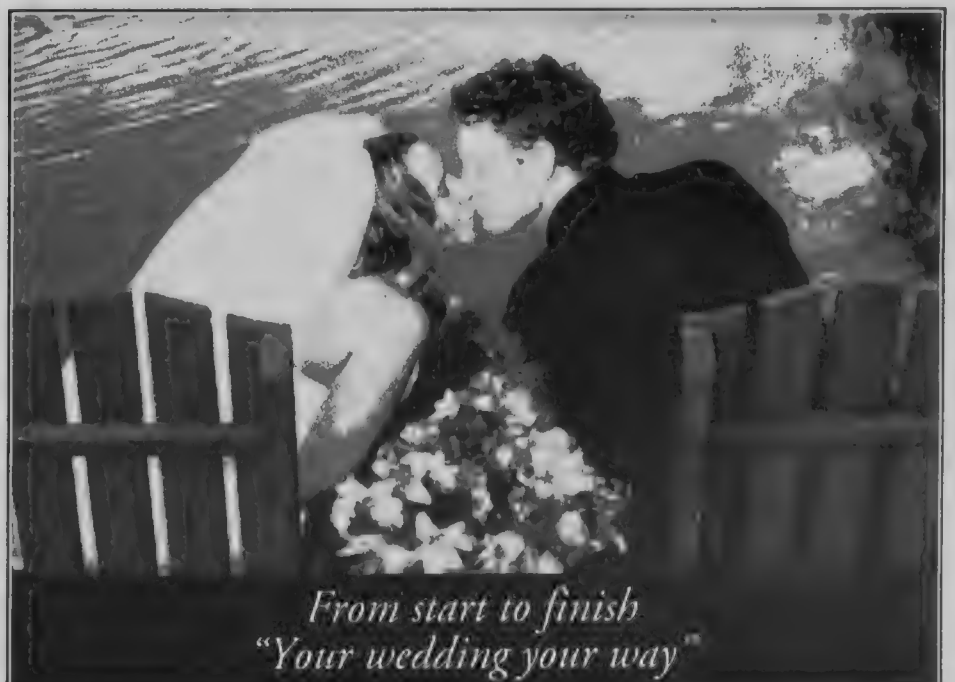
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Tea length and coloured wedding gowns are hot bridal trends

Today's bride isn't afraid to put a new twist on an old idea. Brides are finding novel ways to express their own style with interesting slants on established customs – even the once-sacred domain of the wedding dress is starting to bend to the trend.

Two of the most common changes are tea length wedding gowns and coloured wedding gowns.

Tea length wedding gowns originally saw a surge in popularity during the depression and war eras, when both fabric and money were in short supply. A tea length wedding gown was less expensive and easier to piece together from remnant or recycled fabric, because its mid-calf length and the lack of a train required much less material than the traditional floor length gown.

But most of today's brides are choosing tea length gowns for reasons of personal style, not a monetary crunch. With so many brides choosing to have smaller, more intimate ceremonies, the tea length wedding gown is making a real comeback.

Another common call is for colour. Many of today's brides are expressing their style in colour, even when it comes to their wedding gowns. Some brides go for the subtler colour expressions, running from gold and silver embroidery and coloured beading to coloured sashes and hems. Even more adventurous brides will take it further, with wedding gowns awash in pastels and even dramatic jewel tones. Some of the most common colours you'll find today include navy and light blue,

red, rum, lavender and pink – though many other colors show up too, including black.

While fully coloured wedding gowns are still a minority offering with most designers, gowns with coloured accents are becoming common and are easier to track down. If you have a specific style in mind, you'll probably need to find a seamstress or a designer who offers customized services. Again, a little research may be all it takes to get you that perfect gown straight out of your imagination – without having to spend a fortune.



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How to behave: modern wedding etiquette

Really, wedding etiquette is only common sense. Do what feels right to you and more than likely it will be right. Manners are doing things in a way to keep from hurting someone's feelings.

It brings to mind the story about the queen who was eating with a beggar. The beggar was eating peas with his knife because he didn't know it was proper to eat them with a fork. In order not to make him feel bad, she ate her peas with a knife. That is real class.

Here are some things to take note of when thinking of wedding etiquette:

- An engagement party may be hosted by the couple or either set of parents. It can be cocktails and hors d'oeuvres at your home.

You could include family and friends. Dinner at a restaurant with just family is another option. In any case don't expect a gift at this party.

- Some say it's OK to say "adults only reception" in the invitations. Some say it's not. Of course if children are part of the wedding party they definitely will be there, but don't get bent out of shape if others come along with their parents. More than likely people won't bring them unless they are particularly close to you. Never include the words "no kids" on the invitation.

- Think a long time about who your attendants will be. It wouldn't be good wedding etiquette to "uninvite" someone after you've already asked them to be a bridesmaid, for instance. By the way, bridesmaids and ushers don't have to be an even number. One usher may escort two bridesmaids, if necessary.

- If this is your second marriage and you have children, by all means include them in the wedding. One way is to let them give you away. It will make it a lot

easier for them knowing you want them to be a part of it.

- Wedding etiquette has changed. If it's your second time around it's all right to wear white.

- If it's your first time around it's OK to wear a colour.

- If money is an object, you and your fiancé should invite only the people that mean the most to you. Sometimes the guest list is lopsided. This should be discussed and all parties should have a meeting of the minds.

- The groom's mother should talk to the bride's mother about what she should wear. It's only good wedding etiquette.

- Everyone should feel comfortable at the reception.

Use place cards at the tables so people will be with others that they are compatible with. Have a seating chart where they enter so that they don't have to search for their table.

- Where there are more than two sets of parents (step-parents) it can sometimes be unpleasant. Come to an agreement beforehand about seating, the receiving line and such.

- Speaking of receiving lines, it is not necessary at a small and informal wedding. You can just mingle and introduce people.

- It is just not cool or good wedding etiquette to ask for cash only as a gift for your wedding. In fact it's down-right tacky.

- Your thank-you notes should be sent out within two to four weeks after the wedding. Don't forget to mention the specific gift and how you plan to use it.

Remember that wedding etiquette is about civility, code, decency and good behaviour.



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Walker's Bantams take on Minden curlers

Minden teenager Jake Walker played in the Bantam Boy zone playdowns in Ommeme the weekend of January 14 and 15. His team consisted of Trevor Harrison of Lindsay, Darryl Budd of Woodville and Geoff Chambers of Woodstock, and was coached by Ben Willemse of Woodville.

They won both their games on Saturday which took them directly to the "A" final on Sunday. They lost this game which dropped them down to the "B" final game. They won the final "B" game which qualified them to play at the regional playdowns held in Weston this past weekend.

Jake's team was victorious their first game with a 5-4 win over Port Perry. They were defeated their second game 6-4 by the Oakville team which went on to win the "A" final.

Sunday morning brought another win of 11-2 over Annandale, and Sunday noon another win of 8-1 over Avonlea.

This brought the team to the "B" final game against Jake's friends and teammates from Minden, Edward Cyr and Connor Duhaime and their team.

It was a close game but Edward's team was victorious and they will move on to the provincial playdowns in Bracebridge starting January 25.

Jake and his team would like to wish the best of luck to Edward and Connor in the playdowns this week and good curling.

Submitted/Special to The Times



Jake Walker (skip), Geoff Chambers (vice), Darryl Budd (second), Trevor Harrison (lead), and Ben Willemse (coach) made it to the regional finals in Bantam curling. They lost to a team that includes Ed Cyr and Connor Duhaime, two fellow Highlanders.

Novices up two games in playoffs

by BKATHY MCKELVEY-BROWN
Times Staff

The Highland Storm Novice team looked strong when they met Oro for their first play-off game at the Minden arena on Saturday, January 21.

Devon Upton opened the scoring 10 minutes into the first period with a nice back-hand goal assisted by Braeden Roberts and Braydin Hollows.

Upton also started the scoring in the second period which continued to be "All Storm". Curtis Ballantyne scored the next goal with a beauty "top-shelf" shot and Hollows followed up with an awesome redirect on an airborne shot from Ballantyne. Assists on the three second period goals went to Hunter Bishop, Hollows and Upton. Defensemen Joel Fedeski, Owen Flood, Connor Gadway and Ballantyne did an amazing job of

keeping the puck in Oro's end which cut down considerably on the shots on the Storm goalie, Logan Churko.

So as not to break the pattern, Upton once again scored the first goal of the third period, giving him a hat trick. The Storm scored two more goals before Oro put one on the scoreboard. William Stephenson tapped in a nice shot from the corner of the net on a great pass from Fedeski and Blake Wood and Upton scored his fourth of the game with the help of Hollows.

The Storm made the final score 8-1 when Ballantyne scored his second with an assist going to Upton.

Oro looked determined not to have a repeat of the previous day's game when they met the Novice team on Minden's ice for Game 2, Sunday January 22.

Bishop put the Storm on the scoreboard at 7:05 on a pass from Stephenson. The team managed to hold Oro scoreless for

the first period.

Ballantyne scored 52 seconds into the second period with assists going to Roberts and Upton. Oro followed up one minute later with their first of the game. They see-sawed back and forth again with Hollows scoring for the Storm with help from Roberts and Upton, and Andrews scoring for Oro.

Ballantyne sunk his second of the game with a sweet shot on a pass from Gadway. The second period ended 4-2 for the Storm.

The third period saw Oro playing more aggressively and scored two quick goals only seconds apart. Upton answered back with a lovely unassisted marker and one minute later Ballantyne made his hat trick. Both teams notched one more point each on the scoreboard, the Storm's by Ballantyne with Hollows assisting, to make the final tally 7-5 in favour of the Storm.

Tax tips for 2005 at a glance

Employees

May 1, 2006 is the last day to file without penalty

To avoid or minimize late charges, pay any taxes owing by May 1, 2006, even if you plan on filing later.

Everyone (including students) with earned income should file tax returns

even if they don't owe anything. The earned income will generate Registered Retirement Savings Plan (RRSP) contribution room, which can be carried forward indefinitely.

Ensure all foreign reporting forms are filed on time to avoid penalties.

Delinquent tax filings may be done via

the voluntary disclosure program.

U.S. individual tax returns are due on April 17, 2006.

Childcare expenses, safety deposit fees, charitable donations, political contributions and medical expenses qualify for tax deductions if they were made before the end of 2005.

All deductible alimony or maintenance payments can be claimed if they were paid by the end of 2005.

Tax credits are available relating to the interest portion of qualifying student loan payments made in 2005.

Canada Education Savings Grant (CESG) for RESP contributions is permitted, equal to 20 per cent of annual contributions for children (maximum \$400 per child, per year).

Have the higher-income spouse incur all household expenses and have the lower-income spouse acquire the investments, so that the investment income will be taxed at a lower rate.

Some tax credits that cannot be used by a lower income spouse may be transferred to the higher income spouse

Self-Employed

The deadline to file tax returns is June 15, 2006 but reporting income is based on the calendar year. (To avoid being charged interest, make the payment by

May 1, 2006.)

A refund of Employment Insurance (EI), paid for non-arm's length employees, may be available upon application.

Accelerate purchases of depreciable assets.

Deduct half of Canada Pension Plan (CPP) contributions, to a maximum of \$1,861.

Tax preparation fees may be deductible.

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Midgets skate to a two-game playoff lead

by IM WINN
Special to The Times

On January 6 Bracebridge Bears Midget Aes came to Haliburton. All the bounces went the Storm's way in this one. Josh Townsend had a goal and four assists. Andy Donaldson had one goal and one assist and Greg Gagnon had a good checking game. Jordan "Poggee" Collins got the shutout as the Storm won 7-0.

The next day the boys went to Huntsville to play the Blues. Billy "McCabe" Kulas scored with the big boomer and picked up an assist. Matt Clements did a good job on defence, standing them up at the blue line. Jesse Tallman and Chase Thurston also had two points each. Other goal scorers were, Kenton Winn, Robert

Chapman and Devin Hunter on route to a 6-1 win. This ended their regular season with a record of 11 wins, four losses and three ties.

The goaltending duo of J.D. Crowe and Jordan Collins had the best average in the league.

The Midget AE Storm then travelled down to the International Silver Stick Final in and around Niagara Falls. They defeated Dallas, Texas 4-0 in game one. Devin Hunter had a hat trick. Jordan Collins had the shut out, but it was made easy by the defensive game of Joe Gallagher, Todd Simms, Matt Clements, Billy Kulas and John Murray.

The next game had a lot of neutral zone play but the Highland Storm came out on top 3-1, with J.D. and Jordan splitting the netminding duties.

The next challenge was the Mount Clemens Chiefs from Michigan. The Storm came out strong, but could not beat the big tender between the pipes. But with a change in offensive strategy, a fierce Storm led by Adam Gough hit the Chief's net. Then came three goals in three minutes and then a nice goal from Max Ambridge a minute later, leading to a 4-1 win for the Canadian side.

That was 11 straight wins, but you know what they say about winning streaks: you are just getting closer to losing. And that's what happened next - a 5-0 loss to a very

good skating team from Memphis, Tennessee.

On Friday, January 20, at the S.G. Nesbitt arena the Midget AEs started their OMHA playoffs against the Campbellford Colts. The Storm gave up the first goal but bounced back with eight in a row, on route to a 9-2 win. There were multi-point games from Adam DeCarlo, Devin Hunter, Jesse Tallman and Josh Townsend. Todd Simms and Matt Clements broke up many plays, and Adam Gough and Billy Kulas helped out from the back end offensively.

Game 2 was the next afternoon in Campbellford. The boys from the north were a little short on the bench and the Colts had five players back. The Colts scored first but the Storm tied it up a minute later on a shot from the point by Billy Kulas, assisted by Devin Hunter. Kenton Winn and Chase Thurston scored one minute apart in the second to give the Storm a 3-2 lead at the end of two periods. Assists went to Robert Chapman, Adam DeCarlo and Josh Townsend.

The goal lights did not go on in the third so this meant the Storm won 3-2. Jordan Collins and J.D. Crowe had a solid game in the net, and solid defensively were Todd Simms, Matt Clements, Jesse Tallman and John Murray.

The Storm now leads two games to none with game 3 on Friday, January 27 at 8:30 in Minden.

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Atom As finish first with 14 wins, two losses and two ties

by WADE MACINNES
Times Staff

For the devoted minor hockey fan playoff time is euphoria. It is anticipation,

adrenalin, nausea, elation, frustration and jubilation all blended into an emotional roller coaster for every game. For the players it's exciting and fun; for the coaches and parents it's butterflies, and they love it.

The Highland Storm Atom Rep team wound up their regular season over the weekend with a pair of games. The Storm entered the final weekend riding an unbeaten streak for the Muskoka-Parry Sound Atom Rep League. When you are King

of the Hill everyone is trying to knock you off.

The Parry Sound Shamrocks came to play Saturday in Haliburton opening up a quick 2-0 lead. The Storm battled back hard, scoring six unanswered goals to take a commanding lead or so they thought. Halfway through the second period the home team ran into some penalty trouble which the Shamrocks took full advantage of

scoring 3 goals to close to with in one.

In the third period the wheels fell off for the Storm as the Shamrocks scored five goals to go ahead 10-6. The Storm managed one more tally with a minute left in the game to end the contest 10-7 for Parry Sound. It was too little too late in the Storms first loss of the season. In a post-game meeting the Storm coaching staff concurred that it was a total team melt down.

The Storm team had put away the physical aspect of their game probably fearing some time in the sin bin. This was a bonus for the Shamrocks sniper little #14 Connor McDougall as he scored six goals and added three assists for a nine-point game literally untouched.

On Sunday the Storm were in Bracebridge for their final regular season game against the Bears. Trying to rebound from their previous game the Storm looked ready and played the Bears to a scoreless first period. They got away from their game in the second with too many players trying to do the individual thing. With poor puck support in the corners the Bears were winning the battles and creating odd man rushes. By the end of the second period it was 3-0 Bears.

Early in the third the Storm finally got on the board but the Bears were smelling victory taking a 4-1 lead. The Storm didn't rollover and scored with six minutes left to draw within two. With two minutes left on the clock

Mitch "the Moose" Byers was pulled for an extra attacker but the Bears scored a 200 ft. empty-netter to seal the deal and hand the Storm their second loss of the season.

After the game during the dressing room talk Coach Dean Chaulk told the team that their next two practices would be of the spirited variety to help them out of their mini skid before the playoffs start. The Highland Storm Atoms ended the season in first place with 14 wins, two losses and two ties for a total of 30 points. In 18 games they scored 105 goals while allowing only 37 against. The team averaged 5.83 goals per game while the "Moose" had a stingy 2.06 goals against average with two shutouts.

Waiting for the winner between the Ennismore Eagles and the Campbellford Colts the Storm Atoms have a first-round buy in the OMHA playdowns.

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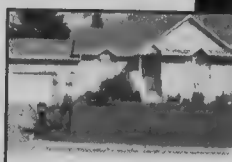
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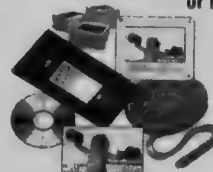
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The HCDC has provided funding to more than 200 community projects since 1996.



Galway Police Association offers tips on I.D. theft

Don't print your entire name on cheques, just your initials

by MARILYN HUBLEY
Special to the Times

People must always be vigilant about keeping their debit card PIN numbers private.

The following are tips on how to avoid identity theft.

It is important not to give out any unnecessary personal information.

Credit cards

Do not sign the back of your credit cards. Instead, put "photo i.d. required".

Cheques

1. The next time you order cheques, have only your initials (instead of first name) and last name put on them. If someone takes your chequebook, they will not know if you sign your cheques with just your initials or your first name, but your bank will know how you sign your cheques.

2. When you are writing cheques to pay on your credit card accounts, DO NOT put the complete account number on the "For" line. Instead, just put the last four

numbers. The credit card company knows the rest of the number, and anyone who might be handling your cheque as it passes through all the cheque-processing channels won't have access to it.

3. Put your work phone number on your cheques instead of your home phone. If you have a post office box use that instead of your home address. If not, use your work address. Never have your SIN number printed on your cheques. You can add it if it is necessary. But if you have it printed, anyone has access to it.

Stolen wallets or purses

1. In the event your wallet is stolen, the key is having the toll-free numbers and your card numbers handy so you know whom to call. Keep those in a safe place where you can find them.

2. File a police report immediately in the jurisdiction where your wallet was stolen. This proves to credit providers you were diligent, and this is a first step toward an investigation (if there ever is one).

But here's what is perhaps most important of all:

3. Call the two national credit-reporting organizations immediately to place a fraud alert on your name and social insurance number. The alert means any company that checks your credit knows your information was stolen, and they have to contact you by phone to authorize new credit.

All important ID information

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Do both sides of each licence, credit card, Health Card etc. You will know what you had in your wallet and all of the account numbers and phone numbers to call and cancel. Keep the photocopy in a safe place. You should also carry a photocopy of your passport when travelling. We've all heard horror stories about fraud that's committed in regards to stealing a name, address, SIN number, and credit cards.

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Visit www.gapac.ca to find out more about the organization.

Suggestions welcome.



Slip sliding away

The freezing rain on January 18 may have ground business and schools to a slow crawl but these children loved sliding down Reynolds Road. Mikaela, Ainisha and Abby Gordon were joined by their pooch, Doohan, on the slippery slope of the hilly road, iced up better than a skating rink. Thanks to their mom, Kim Gordon, for the use of the photo.

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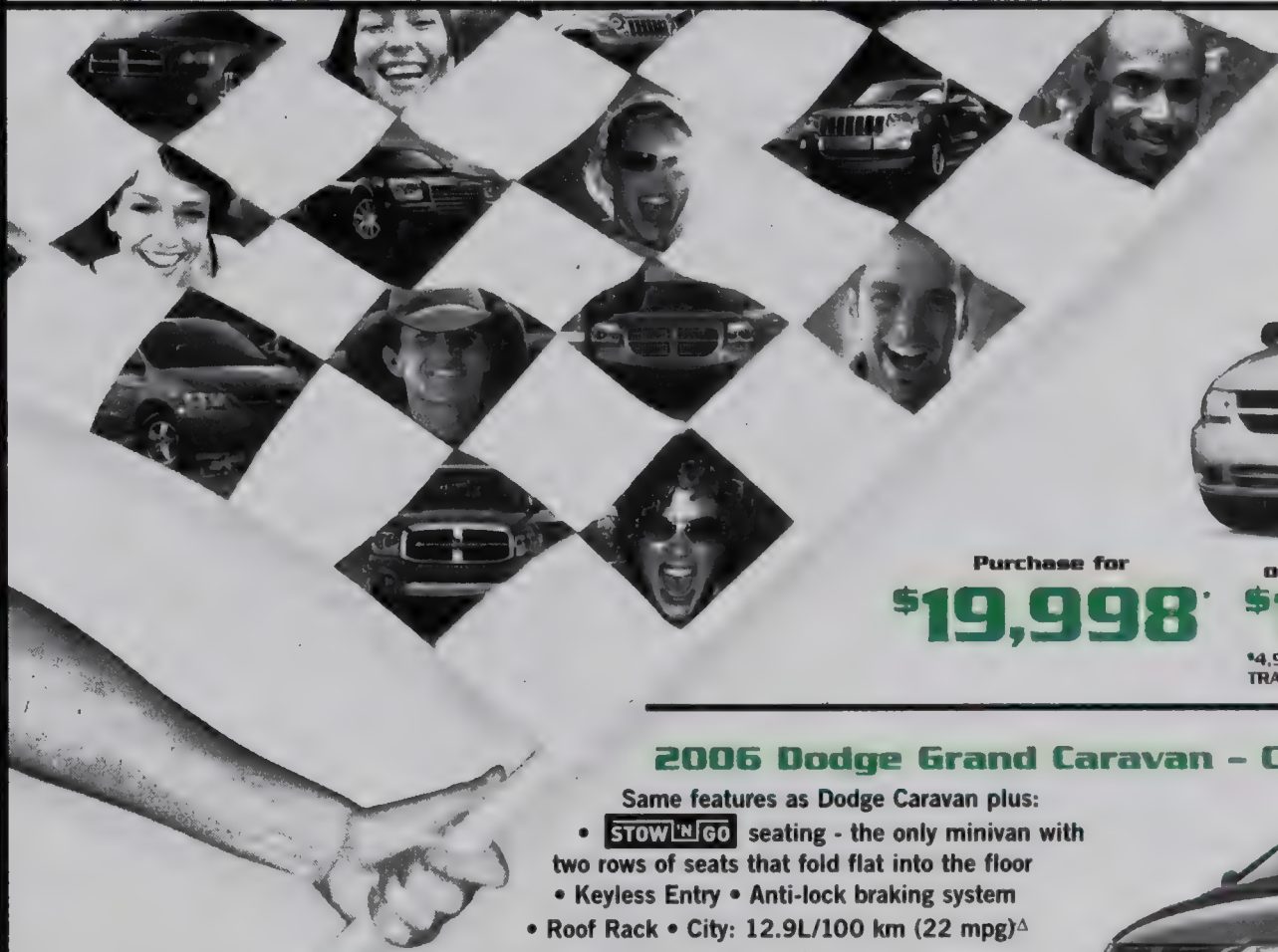
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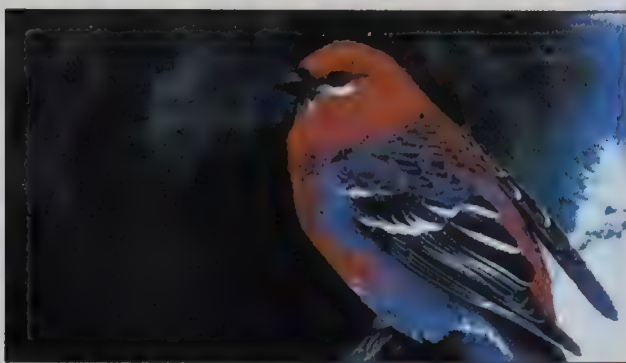
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There were only two Bohemian waxwings written up in this area's 2005 Christmas bird count.



Fifty-seven pine siskins were counted this year.



Pine grosbeaks are fairly common visitors to this area: 129 were counted during the Christmas bird count.

Rare bird sightings in Minden bird count

Reports are now in from feeder watchers across the Minden Christmas Bird Count circle. Once again volunteers spotted species not seen by anyone else. This year, with very few cones on evergreens and almost no acorns, birds are concentrated at feeders. With feeders most often in back yards behind houses or rows of trees, the only people who see bird visitors are feeder owners.

A northern flicker is spending the winter at a feeder along the Bobcageon Road north of Minden, only the second of this species reported in 39 years. In summer, flickers feed largely on ants. When winter comes and the ants are hidden away underground, most flickers migrate south to places where ants are active all year. Ones that don't migrate have to depend on seeds and suet to survive. Farther south in Ontario they often feed in corn fields that haven't been harvested yet, but in Haliburton County they are dependent on feeders.

Evergreen hedges provide cover for sparrows that normally fly south. After hedges are trimmed the branches grow back in densely-packed tangles that block the wind and allow birds to stay warm on cold nights. White spruce is especially effective.

This year the first-ever white-crowned sparrow was discovered sheltering in a yard in downtown Minden. These large sparrows

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Flying high

Ron Pittaway presented with Distinguished Ornithologist Award

by BOB CURRY
Special to the Times

This story is based on remarks by Bob Curry at the presentation of the Distinguished Ornithologist Award to Ron Pittaway at the OFO Annual Convention in Leamington, Ontario on 10 September 2005. It was first printed in the December 2005 edition of Ontario Birds.

Surely every member of Ontario Field Ornithologists (OFO) is familiar with the impact of this year's distinguished ornithologist. Whether you are reading *OFO News*, *Ontario Birds*, *ONTBIRDS* on the net, or attending OFO field trips or annual conventions like this, you will know that Ron Pittaway is an integral part of what this organization is about.

But while it is tempting to conclude that Ron's contributions have been only to OFO, this is far from true. Ron's sphere of influence in the scientific, naturalist and conservation community is much wider. Let me give you some background into Ron's life with birds, his passion, his achievements and impact, and his goals.

As a very young boy in the 1950s during the first three or four school grades, Ron began by collecting bird eggs. He, his brother Rick and several school friends were in fierce competition to find bird nests. They identified the eggs using the big old *Birds of America*, edited by T. Gilbert Pearson (1936), which had several plates illustrating eggs of about 110 species. Then Ron had an epiphany. Why don't we identify the adult birds and then we'll know the eggs for sure. This is how Ron became a birder at a very early age.

Ron's contemporaries as a teenager were people like Monty Brigham, Dan Brunton, Don LaFontaine, Brian Morin and Ken Ross, all of whom are prominent profes-



Bob Curry, left, congratulates Ron Pittaway on his birding award. Photo submitted.

sional biologists or naturalists today. Distinguished Canadian journalist John Bird wrote a weekly Saturday column in the *Ottawa Journal* that featured local bird sightings. The boys delighted in seeing their names in print. This made them famous and impressed their teachers, their parents and other adults.

Ron's father managed a photography store in Ottawa habituated by professional Ottawa scientists and naturalists. His Dad asked famed Canadian Arctic biologist and explorer-photographer Stewart Macdonald of the National Museum if Ron could accompany him on the 1964 Ottawa Christmas Bird Count (CBC). In the late 1950s Ron first met National Museum

Curator and *The Birds of Canada* author W. Earl Godfrey at the Victoria Museum. In later years at the museum, Earl and Henri Ouellet would look at study skins and talk birds with Ron. With them, he studied the collections and began to learn the intricacies of taxonomy, subspecies, morphs, plumages and molts. Godfrey impressed on him the importance of critical, careful examination and identification of birds. What a group of mentors to help mould Ron into what he is today!

On another Ottawa CBC interview in December 1970, Ron met Dan Strickland, the world gray jay expert and chief naturalist of Algonquin Park at the time. By the

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summer of 1971, Ron was a seasonal naturalist at Algonquin and worked there until 1980. He earned a diploma in forestry at Algonquin College in 1972. During this period, he also worked with Paul Pratt at Rondeau Provincial Park. Ron hitchhiked across Canada in 1968 and travelled the continent in the 1970s, learning much about North America's birds.

Ron also participated in ornithological studies in the Canadian North with Queen's University on snow geese at Churchill, Manitoba in 1970, and with the Canadian Wildlife Service on red knots and ruddy turnstones on Ellesmere and Axel Heiberg Islands in 1975.

When Ron lectured at Algonquin Park, academics asked him where he had earned his Master's degree. The upshot was that he was accepted into third year at the University of Waterloo where he graduated with an honours Bachelor of Environment Studies degree in 1979.

From January 1981 until retiring as education coordinator in July 2003, Ron taught resource management at the Leslie M. Frost Natural Resources Centre, Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, near Dorset. There, he influenced countless young people and mentored other instructors.

He has been a teacher at every level. Ron is extremely proud that members of the very accomplished Ottawa birding gang that followed a few years behind him—people like Bruce Di Labio, Tom Hince, Bruce Mactavish and Michael Runtz to mention just some—often give tribute to him when they made presentation or received awards.

A true student of birds

And now we come to OFO. Ron was a founding life member of OFO in 1982, and has been a leader on the Ontario Bird Records Committee, serving as a member, as secretary and as chair for a total of 12 years. His contributions to our organization really took off in 1993. It was then that he met Jean Iron. The resulting synergy has been a boon to us all.

Ron is most proud of pulling OFO out of the deep dive that it was in at the time. He, Bill Crins and Ron Tozer became editors of *Ontario Birds* in 1991, and still are. The journal needed writers, so "Pitt" set an example with a fastpaced production of learned papers. So successful were these writing that Jean and Ron launched OFO News in 1994.

He has authored more than 140 articles in journals such as *Trail & Landscape*, *The Canadian Field Naturalist*, *Ontario Field Biologist*, *The Blue Jay* (Saskatchewan), *Birders Journal* and of course, *Ontario Birds* and *OFO News*. His papers include recognizable forms, identification, behaviour, taxonomy, plumage and moult, conservation and preservation, book and product reviews, bird quizzes, and memorials.

Ron's publications encompass a great variety of aspects of bird study. In some, he has advanced our understanding of the identification of difficult species pairs. Read, for example, the brilliant paper in *Birders Journal* titled "The identification and migration of breeding plumaged dowl-

itchers in southern Ontario," which he co-authored with Alvaro Jaramillo and Peter Burke in 1991. Ron has produced many more identification pieces covering small grebes, loons, shrikes, crows and ravens and others.

Plumage and moult terminology has been a particular passionate project of Ron's for many years. Remember Peter Burke's gray, bronze, cinnamon and purple illustrations and Ron's explication of the Humphrey and Parkes system to describe and categorize plumages and moults? I believe that no clearer explanation of terms such as first prebasic moult, definitive prealternate moult, supplemental plumages and so forth exists in print.

Taxonomy is most often the purview of professional ornithologists. Undaunted, Ron waded right into the morass of the Thayer's Gull controversy in a 1999 *Ontario Birds* article, and elicited a detailed and bristly response from Richard C. Banks, the chair of the American Ornithologists' Union Committee on Classification and Nomenclature.

Ron is a true student of birds. He is a recognized bird identification expert in North America and consultant to the British Bird Records Committee. He contributes learned opinions regularly to BirdChat, IDFRONTIERS, and of course, to ONTBIRDS. What is most impressive is that Ron doesn't just name and describe birds. He always asks questions and then hypothesizes in

true scientific tradition. Consider northern owls, for example. In one note, Ron debunked the widely held view that the boreal forest owls came south as a result of deep snow in the north woods.

But Ron's passion extends beyond the intellectual and sporting aspects of birding. He loves birds in a meaningful and productive way. For example, he has taken a particular interest in loggerhead shrikes and their habitats. From 1991 to 1995, he was the Ontario Government's representative on the loggerhead Shrike National Recovery Team. Subsequent to his 1991 study of these shrikes on the Carden Alvar, his *Birder's Guide to the Carden Alvar* created widespread international interest and encouraged financial contributions that helped in the preservation of the Cameron and Windmill Ranches there. Few birders will leave such a legacy of preservation.

But, of course, we expect and want a lot more from Ron in the years to come. We'll continue to learn from Ron because he will ask the questions that we never thought of and he will either answer them or encourage us to seek those solutions.

Ron has a goal. He wants to write a guide to field recognizable subspecies and morphs of Canadian birds.

We wish him every success in this endeavour, as it will enrich our understanding of and pleasure in birds.

We are all privileged to benefit from Ron's passion, experience, intelligence and insight into the lives of our birds.

He is a most worthy recipient of the Ontario Field Ornithologists' Distinguished Ornithologist Award for 2005.

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White-throated sparrow a rare winter visitor

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nests in the high Arctic and are usually only seen in Haliburton County during migration in May and October on their way to and from their nesting grounds.

A white-throated sparrow was sheltering under a spruce hedge on Minden Lake. Whitethroats are common summer residents here, but only six times has one been reported on the count. Next May their "O Canada, Canada, Canada" song will be a welcome sign of spring.

Once again, belted kingfishers are spending the winter along the Gull River in Minden. The open water created by releases from the power dam upstream allows them to catch minnows for food. Only males stay north to have first chance at defending nesting territories in spring. Suitable sandy-riverbanks where kingfishers can excavate their several metre long nesting burrows are at a premium. If the winter is mild enough for the over-wintering male to survive, he gets first choice at the best nest sites and is able to attract a female when they return in April. Males have a single blue band across their breasts. Females have an additional rust-coloured band across the belly below the blue.

The red-winged Blackbird spotted flying up-river between Gull Lake and Minden is probably relying on feeders. Only the third ever reported on the count, this male was, perhaps, a young bird. There seems to be no advantage for male red-wings to winter here, except to avoid the rigours of migration. Wintering red-wing males don't seem to achieve their glorious breeding plumage as early as those that return from farther south.

After two years of relatively poor seed crops on trees, an abundance of flower buds on yellow birch at the moment hint that next year may see a bumper crop of seeds to feed wintering birds.

Thanks again to everyone who forwarded information about birds in your neighbourhood.

Your efforts added common loon, northern flicker and purple finch to the list which totaled 47 species, just one below the all-time high.



The white-throated sparrow was a rare visitor in Minden.



Only two northern flickers have been reported in the Minden Christmas bird count in 39 years.

2005 Christmas bird count tally

Canada goose 2
American black duck 34
Mallard 41
Mallard X black duck 2
Common goldeneye 21
Hooded merganser 15
Common merganser 18
Ruffed grouse 2
Wild turkey 207
Common loon
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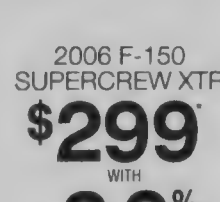


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Here's the top five favourite smells

Are your favourite smells among them?

Yesterday I dropped in to good neighbour Dorothy's house only to be greeted by the glorious smell of home baking coming from her kitchen. This brought to mind a recent morning radio item which listed the five favourite smells recorded on an unidentified survey. Beginning with babies in fifth place [I suspect those babies were newly bathed and lotioned] the results moved up through the smell of a wood fire, lavender and spring rain to, in top spot, the heavenly scent of bread baking. The two most easily recognized odours reported were fresh coffee and peanut butter. Favourite smells are like déjà vu, bringing back memories of times and people past like the furniture polish of a grandparents' house or perfume worn by an elderly aunt. For me it is likely Aquamarine Hand Lotion and Old Spice aftershave. Dorothy must have psychic powers for I left with a takeout container of those cookies still warm from the oven.

Hot Chicago swing-style blues and hot Galway style chilli will both be served up on Saturday, February 4 from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Galway Hall on Galway Road. This age of majority event with Johnny Mack and the Cobalt Blues Band is a fund raiser for Kinmount Minor Hockey. Tickets are \$10/person and available at Kinmount Foodtown or at the hall door.

The annual general meeting of the Kinmount United Church will be held on Saturday, February 4 at 12 noon at the Galway Hall beginning with a pot luck



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luncheon then meeting to follow. This will provide an opportunity to review the church's activity in 2005, its plans for 2006 and to meet Rev. Allan Reeve, minister at Trinity United Church, Bobcaygeon. He has been assigned by Lindsay Presbytery as supervising minister providing guidance to Kinmount United Church as it begins an exciting new venture.

The next meeting of the Haliburton Highlands Genealogy group on Wednesday, February 8 will feature Tom Dawson of Wintergreen speaking about maple syrup production. The group is returning to its newly-refurbished former meeting site of the Common Room at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre. Please enter by the back door between the gallery and museum. Doors open at 6 p.m. with the speaker at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome and there is no charge. For more information please contact Gail Leach-Wunker at 286-2225.

The Gaia Centre invites you to Come Fall In Love With The Earth. See nature and the wonders of Canada through the eyes of award-winning photographer Malak Karsh with leader Marianne Karsh, professional forester, research scientist, and founder of Arborvitae. Marianne brings colour to winter and

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Now for the Scoring News with your usual reminder to keep busy and well. They go together. Some regular events were not held this past week due to weather conditions and the election.

January 17 Stanhope Firehall Seniors Mixed Shuffleboard: In first were Connie Sawyer and Cliff Davison at 356 with Helen Skelding and Diane Platt second at 277. Tied for third spot at 256 were George Hamilton partnered with Flo Roussel and Joan Meadows teamed with Laura Carnegie. The afternoon's low of 93 points was recorded by Grace Berardi and Sandy Poulton.

Pearl Cowen reminds that there will be no shuffleboard next week as the Firehall floors are being done.

January 17 bid euchre at the Minden Legion: Ida Young led the scoring at 358 followed by Trudy Kroes 287 and Don Burch 278. Tom Grix, Elli Langpohl, Isobel Cherwenka and Gala Stamp held the hidden scores while single moonshots went to Isobel Cherwenka, Don Burch, Rob Evans, Ken Young and Kevin Maloney while Len Kroes and Marcel Roussel took two.

January 17 contract bridge at Stanhope: A good crowd braved the weather with 20 hands being played before the rain. Ray Moore had the high score of 5690 then Gloria Moore 5050, Harold Cox 4490 and Ross Davies 4350. Pearl Foster won the lucky draw, Liv Andersen the Shiny Penny and Ray Moore took home the "S.B.T.B." Award for being "Saved By The Bell."

January 18 Kinmount Seniors euchre at the Kinmount Legion: For the ladies our reporter Theresa Deak was high and Thelma Francis low. Roger Fournier won for both high man and lone hands with Harold Harvie also a double winner for low man and the draw.

January 19 euchre at the Minden Legion: Lone hand honours went to Margaret Fletcher and Lorne Dinesen with May and Jim Bradbury recording the high scores for ladies/men. The evening's low scores went to Lois Adamson and Linda Hopkins while Syd Adamson, Lorne Dinesen [2], Shirley Millon and Don Burch took home the other prizes.

January 20 duplicate bridge at Echo Hills, Haliburton: In North/South Chuck Wilson and Ross Fletcher were first at 61% with Norma Crewson and Stella McMillan second at 49%. Over in East/West Ev Morgan and Ray Kelly led at 60% followed by Ev Vanderland partnered with Bruce Armstrong at 53%.

January 20 bid euchre at Club 35: Dick Coffey and Jean Dutka took the moonshots while Jean Randell held the hidden score. Leading the pinks was our reporter Mary Pearson at 249 with Jean Scadden 248 second and Linda Lambert 244 third. Ray Sisson topped the white cards with 266 then it was Leroy Mowat 250 and Tom Pearson 234.

January 20 euchre at Staanworth Court, Minden: Martha Harding won for high hands, June Branning for lone hands and Maria Tschida for both low hands and the draw. Doreen Francis advises that this was the last Friday night euchre at Staanworth Court and reminds that there are two euchre events each week held across the road at Staanworth Terrace on Monday evening and Saturday afternoon where new players from the community would always be welcome.

January 21 bid euchre at Staanworth Terrace, Minden: The moonshot quartet members were Kevin Maloney, Don Burch, Isobel Cherwenka and June Branning [2]. Helen Henderson led the pinks at 253 then Isobel Cherwenka 234 and June Branning 204. First for the whites was Gala Stamp 277 with Jesse Barlow 264 second and Pat Bailey 200 third.

January 23 Kinmount Seniors bid euchre at the Kinmount Legion: Topping the scoring was Ida Young at 329 with Mike St. Thomas second high at 304. Rose Isaacson won the draw while Ken Young had a single moonshot with doubles for Theresa Deak and Ida Young.

January 23 euchre at St. Paul's Friendship Club, Minden: Holding the most lone hands were Gala Stamp and Mabel Deacon who also won a special prize along with Bill Mosley. Jeanne Keliele and Laura Carnegie recorded the afternoon's highs with Lorna Hicks taking the low.

January 23 cribbage at the Minden Legion: The top trio were Lorna Hicks, Pat Scadden and Helen Luffman with Edith Burch, Lois Adamson, Maxine Cross and Don Burch taking home the other prizes.

January 23 euchre at Staanworth Terrace, Minden: For high hands the winner was Gala Stamp, for lone hands Pat Bailey, for low hands Helen Skelding and for the special prize Don Jemmitt. Elaine Yeo extends a welcome to new players of all skill levels to come out for an evening of cards and fellowship. Cards begin at 7 p.m. and the cost is \$2.00 which includes a light lunch.

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Parrots, pirates and puppets at Jan. 29 Razzamataz show

Join Hands Puppeteers returns to Haliburton with Capt'n Matt's Treasure Hunt on Sunday January 29 at the Northern Lights Theatre at 2 p.m. for the second show of the Razzamataz Kids Shows! season.

Captain Matt wants to share a treasure with the children in the audience but discovers that the scary pirate Stink Beard has stolen the treasure (a magic storybook). With the audience as his crew, the friendly captain sails to strange and wonderful lands where they meet many comical and some magical puppet characters including

Cracker the noisy parrot, Bingo the dog, the tricky Gefilte-fish and even a sharp-toothed ravenous Tryannosaurus Rex.

The adventure is seasoned with songs and stories, and ends in victory when Stink Beard the Pirate hands over the treasure map, and the children follow the map's directions to find the treasure hidden in a buried chest. It turns out that the magic storybook has pop-up pages that retell the children's own adventure in finding the treasure.

The show is about one hour long and is designed for children aged four to nine, but

the adults will find more than a few belly laughs, too!

Razzamataz fans will remember Join Hands puppeteer Matthew Romain's visit last year as Colonel Quackhorn, with the monkey that grew to giant size when it drank all the elixir. The puppets, large and small, are comical and ingenious, with unique voices and appealing songs. You'll marvel at how a single performer can create such an entertaining show with so many characters.

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Hall Insurance and Haliburton Rotary Club. Razzamataz Kids' Shows! is very grateful for their support, which covers a substantial portion of the costs of bringing the shows to local children, and helps us keep ticket prices low. In addition, the Join Hands performers will experience the generous hospitality of Halimar Resort while they are here in Haliburton County.

Tickets are only \$8 for adults and \$6 for children 3 and up, and are available at the door, or by calling Amy Klose at 457-4266 or Stacey Bennett at 286-4511. Also, the \$18 season pass is still a good deal, because there are two more shows this season, and so you can purchase a season pass if you don't want to miss another show.

The other shows are The Barry O' Kids Show in March and Fizzical Fizzicks in April.

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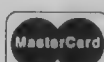


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Pauline Johnson marks first anniversary writing this column



STANHOPE LIFE

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Today marks my first anniversary writing the Stanhope Life column. I have certainly learned a lot about Stanhope in the last year and met some wonderful people, people who are proud of their community. What goes into a community column for an area such as Stanhope? Local news, names, community events, activities, special occasions for families or individuals, announcements, unique aspects of the region, tourist attractions, tourism trends in this area, ratepayers accomplishments, community concerns or preferences, lake association updates, facts about locals' lives outside the municipality and so on.

Why am I listing these things here? It's my hope that in 2006 more people will contribute information for this column. My job is to put together the information that people send me. I don't know what's happening in your lives unless you let me know. You don't have to be a writer. E-mail me information in point form or call me and I'll take notes. Let's make this the year to get as many names in the news as possible. Parents, please let me know your children's accomplishments, perspectives or humorous stories. I'd love to feature some of the younger set.

Get tired of watching TV on a blustery

winter day? Take a short ride to Minden. Last week several Stanhope residents drove down to the Minden Hills Cultural Centre for an interesting workshop focusing on how mythology pervades our consciousness, our language, our lives and our writing. Artists, writers and those looking for an interesting way to spend an afternoon came out. The workshop engendered a tremendous amount of good humour with enthusiastic comments as well as pleas to do it again. It was featured as part of the Writer in Residence programming at the cultural centre which provides thought provoking and interesting workshops open to everyone.

Myths were stories created by humans struggling to explain the existence of the earth and the creatures on it. "Was there someone powerful who did the creating?" was the universal question put forward by Fay Wilkinson, who led the workshop with Lea Harper.

According to Wilkinson, "Mythology is the song in our lives." It incorporates mystery, beauty, the foundation of human psychology and the inspiration to propel us all along our personal odysseys through life.

Wilkinson began the workshop by introducing "the talking feather", a feather set

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Lea Harper, left, and Fay Wilkinson shared a laugh at the Writer in Residence mythology workshop in Minden. Photo, Bryn Weese.

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For more information please contact the school in your area. School phone numbers can be found at www.tlidsb.on.ca

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Workshoppers walk through a hero's journey

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into a handle with rawhide strips wrapped around it and trailing down. Whoever held the talking feather had something worthy to say. This originated as a native American tradition and aboriginal cultures used it also.

She led the group through an exercise designed to illustrate the concept of the hero's journey (we are all the heroes of our life's story.) Individual participants revealed their personal discoveries, having traversed an imaginary landscape in their minds while facing personal choice, the delight of discovery and the threat of conflict.

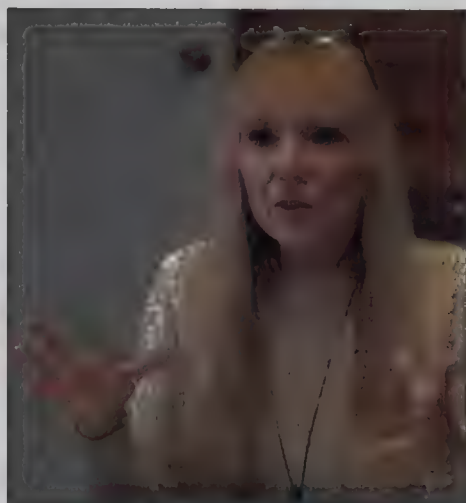
Karen Sloan, whose imaginary discovery was a chalice, representing life, confessed to being an optimist. "I always see the vessel as being half full. It was an image I got from Tarot cards," she explained.

As the scientist in the group, Jim Malcomson's imaginary journey revealed the discovery of the atom. Intrigued by what Jim had said, Harper reflected, "Energy can't be destroyed; it can only be transformed." Sharing a laugh with the group, she quipped, "You're all going to go home as philosophers."

Helen Allore revealed her vision of an angel, "the mediators between ourselves and the unknown," according to Harper.

After everyone had had an opportunity to share the details of their imaginary journey, Wilkinson asked the group, "Where will you take this?" Responses included comments like, "I'll try to figure out where the symbolism takes me and can be applied to story lines."

She suggested that it is a good exercise to write the same story from several points of view: the hero's, the antagonist's or even from the point of view of an inanimate object in the story.



Writer Lea Harper.

Harper concurred, joking, "If you talk to your family members, you'll find out that you all lived different lives. It depends on perspective."

Harper who felt that often writers spend so much time going over and censoring what they write exclaimed, "This hero's journey exercise is a great catalyst. Hopefully, I'll go home and write up a storm."

Before the workshop, Harper had set herself the challenge of writing a poem with mythological allusions while not relying on specific mythological references. A consummate reader and master poet, she left me mesmerized by the haunting beauty of her writing. She shared her feelings saying that, "Much of the enticement of mythology for me is our yearning for immortality."

Klara Oylar, out for an interesting afternoon's discussion said, "It was a soul searching experience."

Elly Malcomson responded, "It's been powerful. I'm supposed to be the dreamer

and Jim [her husband sitting beside her] the scientist. I might even try to read a Harry Potter book." Jim brought the scientist's perspective to the discussion, showing that there can be harmony between simple belief and fact.

Mark Sidsworth, from Carnarvon, enthused, "This has been very enlightening. I'll take it home for a little more inspiration." Central to Mark's journey was the image of the cardinal, a symbol on which Wilkinson offered to send him more information.

Karen Sloan, an artist from Stanhope expressed an interest in native American and Inuit mythology. She said, "I got lots of ideas. Maybe the start of another journey."

Kathy Purc alluded to her imaginary journey saying, "I've learned to seek a different point of view - perhaps that of the red flower I discovered."

Marjorie Green summed it up with, "I've never yet been to a writing workshop that I

haven't taken home a little something. As writers, we develop our skills this way."

Pat Brown impressed everyone with the piece of writing she produced in a 10-minute exercise. Inspiration comes more readily when surrounded by interesting stimuli. She put it simply. "A great way to spend a snowy afternoon."

Leaving us with food for thought, Harper mused, "The messages are all around us. Today we got one little sliver of the moon." The feeling was unanimous. All want to meet again for another mythology workshop. We're looking at a date in April. Stay tuned for further information.

To submit any item of interest to this regular weekly column, please e-mail bpjohnson@sympatico.ca or call (705) 489-3878. Share what you know about what's happening in Stanhope, what Stanhope residents are up to or how you enjoyed a particular event or gathering.

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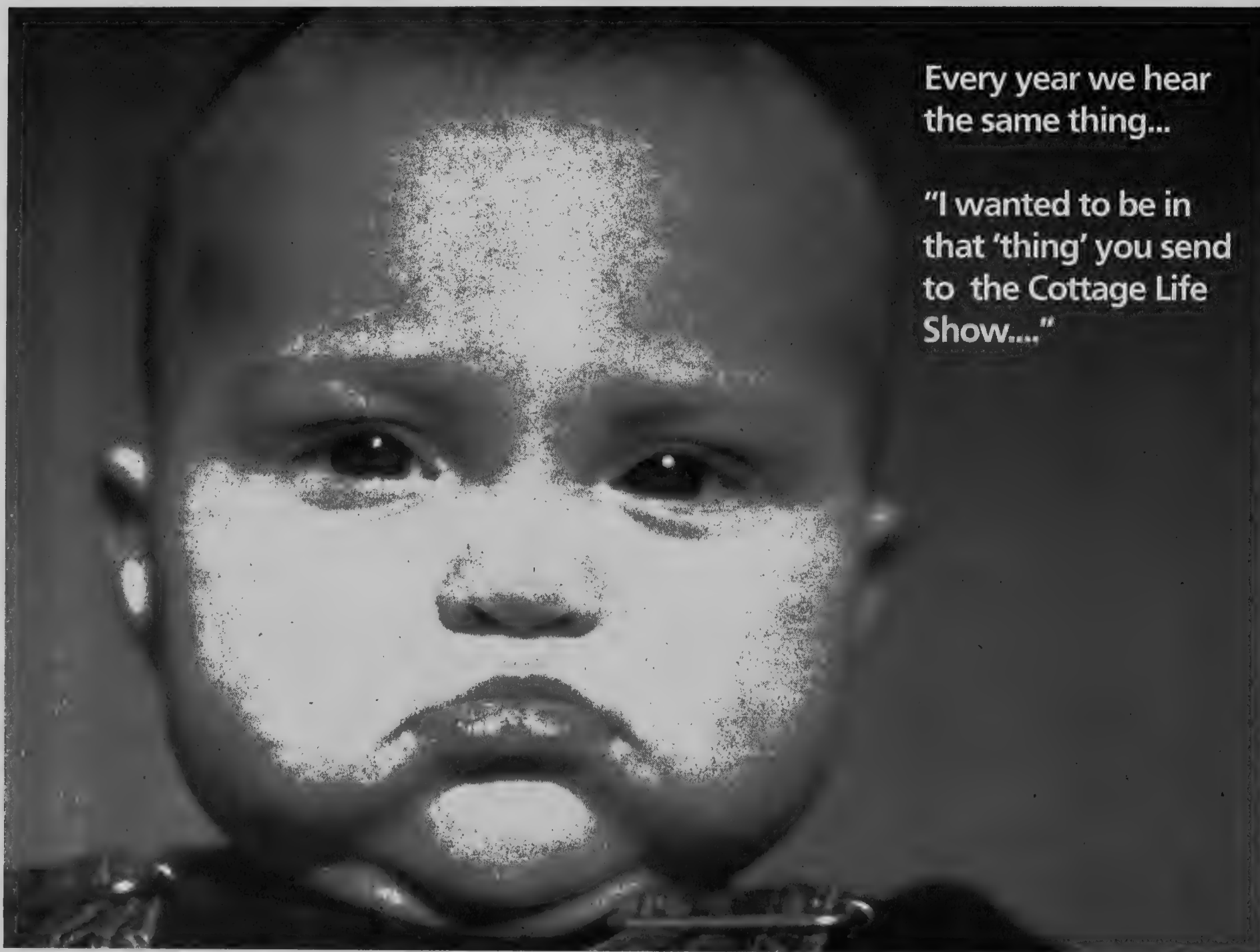
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Tai Chi takes place at the Dorset Recreation Centre on Monday nights from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. For more information, please call 766-9968.

The contract for free computer help at the Dorset Recreation Centre is quickly coming to an end. Don't miss your opportunity for help with all your computer needs from word processing to surfing the net. Help is available Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Thursdays from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Call 766-9968 to book your appointment.

Entries for the Dorset Snowball Young Writers' and Teens' Short Story and Poetry Contest are due by January 27. This contest is open to all young writers with four categories: youth (up to age 12) short story up to 500 words; teen (13-19) short story up to 1,200 words; youth (up to age 12) poetry up to 50 lines and teen (13-19) poetry up to 50 lines. A \$25 prize is available for each category (donated by First Capital Financial - FundEX Investments). Please, no previous contest winning entries or previously published works.

All submissions must have a contact phone number and if possible, email address. Winning entries will be announced at the Dorset Snowball Winter Carnival in the Dorset Branch of the Haliburton County Public Library with writers reading their works from 10 to 11 a.m. on Saturday, February 18 as a part of the Snowball festivities. An "open-mike" will follow. Submissions should be sent to: Dorset Library, c/o Writer in Residence, Tiina Heathcock, Box 70, Dorset, Ontario, P0A 1E0 or by email to drc@vianet.on.ca.

There will be a Dorset Snowball Winter

Carnival Meeting at the Dorset Recreation Centre on Tuesday, January 31 starting at 7 p.m. All are welcome and especially those who would like to help out on the day of Snowball as a list of available positions will be posted. For more information, contact the Recreation Centre at 766-9968 or Dorset Snowball Chair Jim Jones at 766-2748.

Tall Pines Snowmobile Club and Lions Camp Dorset are counting the days until the Annual Poker Rally and St. Valentine's Dance to be held on Saturday, February 11. Proceeds of this great event go to aid kidney dialysis at Lions Camp Dorset. There are more than \$10,000 in prizes with the first prize being \$2,000. Pre-registration takes place Friday, February 10 from 6 to 10 p.m. and registration is Saturday, February 11 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Fifty dollars worth of pledges gives you a free ride and the top five pledges win a cash prize. All events start and finish at Lions Camp Dorset, Kawagama Lake Road, Dorset. For more information, contact Barb at 766-2108 or Donna at 766-9253 or check out the website at www.tallpines.org.

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Birthday wishes for the week of January 22 to 28 go out to Madison Allore, Bill Ellerington, Jr., Joy Moon and Darryl Dukoff. I hope you enjoy your special day.

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- **Jan. 26:** Wilberforce Heritage Guild Annual Meeting - January 26, 7 p.m. Red Cross Outpost. Everyone Welcome.
- **Jan. 27:** Join Community Care and the Wheels to Meals program for lunch at the South Algonquin Cookhouse in Harcourt. If you would like to make reservations or would like more information, please call Eileen at 448-2596.
- **Jan. 28:** Ontario Early Years Centre Minden - Family Literacy Day on Sat., Jan. 28 from 10:30 - 1:00. We will be making books, having story time, and sharing a potluck brunch. Each family will receive a new book to take home. Call 286-1770.
- **Jan. 29:** Free Public Skating at the Minden Arena, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Sponsored by Monks Funeral Home.
- **Jan. 30 & 31:** Introductions to Taoist Tai Chi - Gentle exercise for health. Minden: Hyland Crest. Mon., Jan. 30 - 7:00 a.m. Tues., Jan. 31, 1:00 p.m. Call Ginny at 489-2996.
- **Feb. 1:** "Work Like You Don't Need the Money" - the Reinvention of Work. Learn to find meaningful, satisfying and sustainable work through this 15-week program beginning Wed., Feb. 1 at the Gaia Centre in Haliburton.
- **Feb. 2, 9 & 16:** Ontario Early Years Haliburton is offering Learning Begins workshop series for families with children 0-2 years in Haliburton. Babies have "best times" for learning. Join us to learn about how the brain works, find out when and what your baby is learning at each age, and find ways to give your child a best start in thinking and doing! Join us Thursday mornings starting February 2, 9, and 16 by registering at our Early Learning Centre 457-2989 by January 26, 2006. Ask us about child-care.
- **Feb. 4:** Dancel - Fundraiser for Kinmount Minor Hockey. Blues at the Hall! Featuring Johnny Mac and The Cobalt Blues Band. Join us for an evening of Hot Chicago swing style Blues and Hot Galway style Chili! Sat., Feb. 4, 9 p.m. - 1 a.m. Age of Majority Event. Cash at the door.
- **Feb. 5:** Free Public Skating at the Minden Arena, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Sponsored by Dollo's IGA.
- **Feb. 8:** The Regular Meeting of the Haliburton Highlands Genealogy Group will be held Wednesday, February 8th. Doors open at 6 p.m., speaker at 7 p.m. Note new location: the Minden Hills Cultural Centre - enter by the back door. The speaker will be Tom Dawson of Wintergreen speaking about maple syrup production. No charge - everyone welcome. For more info contact Gail Leach-Wunker at 286-2225.
- **Feb. 11:** Tall Pines Snowmobile Club & Lions Camp Dorset - Poker Rally & St. Valentine's Dance. Sat., Feb. 11, 10 a.m. Over \$10,000 in prizes. Pre-registration: Fri. 6 p.m. - 10 p.m. Registration: Sat. 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. OFSC Trail permits required. Adults only (19+) after 6 p.m. For more info call Barb (705) 766-2108, Donna (705) 766-9253. www.tallpines.org. Proceeds to aid Kidney Dialysis, Lions Camp Dorset.
- **Feb. 14:** The Haliburton Highlands Handweavers and Spinners invite you to their monthly meetings on the 2nd Tuesday of the month, Tuesday, Feb. 14th at 1:30 p.m. General Meeting at Pritchard House Minden.
- **Feb. 26:** Free Public Skating at the Minden Arena, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Sponsored by Campbell's Flowers & Gifts.
- **Mar. 5:** Free Public Skating at the Minden Arena, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Sponsored by Minden Pharmasave.

• **Community Care** has a trip planned for May 24 to the World Premier performance of The Lord of the Rings. This trip includes transportation by highway coach, tickets in row D, E, & F in the dress circle section of the Princess of Wales Theatre, and a delicious dinner at the Town and Country Restaurant. To travel with Community Care you must be a Trip Club Member, please call to find out more information about this trip club. Call 457-2941.

• **Wednesdays - Aquasize classes** have now begun. Community Care still has spots open for the Wednesday classes. Enjoy low impact exercises in the water. Classes are one hour in length and take place at the Wigamog Inn. Please call Ida for more information 457-2941.

• **Tuesday evenings at Camp Medeba** in West Guilford. Started Jan. 10 - end of April. Families 6:30 - 8 p.m. (children and parents climb together). Youth and Adults 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. Drop-in Indoor Rock Climbing. Everyone welcome! Children 13 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Parental permission required for youth under 18 years. For more information and cost please call Donna at Family Services of Haliburton County. 457-5345 ext. 314.

• **Thursdays are all about Babies** at the Ontario Early Years Centre in Haliburton. While babies sleep and play parents share the joys and wonder of parenting. If you have any question about your infants care, or growth and development the HKPR Health Unit offers a Well Baby Drop In on January 19th from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. For further info., please call Stephanie at 457-2989.

• **Join Ontario Early Years Centre** in Haliburton for an exciting new parent child series. Cooking with Kids is a four-week program. Parents will leave with ideas to continue the learning at home. Please call Stephanie at 457-2989 for more info or to sign up.

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MINDEN & DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY Annual General Meeting & Pot Luck Luncheon

Sat. Feb. 4, 12 noon
 Our Lady Of Fatima Catholic Church

Please bring your own place setting of dishes and cutlery, along with your pot luck dish.

Guest Speaker

Liz Case of Nightingale's

Certified Herb & Vegetable

Farm

"Kick Start on Spring"

Canada Blooms Trip

Tickets \$50.00

Wednesday, March 8

Leave Minden Municipal Offices

7:30 a.m.

Return to same 9:00 p.m.

2006 Horticulture

Memberships \$6.00 required for

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For information call

Pam Manser at 286-5136

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We will be having an inquiry meeting at the end of each month in Lindsay.

For more information call

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and ask for

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A daughter
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ents are Max McKelvey of

Minden and Mary McKelvey of

Haliburton. Maternal grandpar-

ents are Mr. and Mrs. Dan

Kibbe of Torrington, CT and Mr.

and Mrs. David Dunford of New

Hartford, CT. Lauren is also

welcomed by her Uncle Keith

and Aunt Heather.

450 IN MEMORIAM

MISCIO, ANNIE - In loving memory of Annie Miscio, a loving mother and grandmother who passed away Jan. 27, 1993.

Three little words Forget Me Not.

Don't seem much but mean a lot.

Just a memory fond and true

To show dear mother we think of you.

Always remembered. **Ruth, Carl, Iris & family.**

MISCIO, ANNIE - In loving memory of my dear mother who passed away Jan. 27, 2003.

Sadly missed along life's way. Quietly remembered every day.

No longer in our life to share, But in our hearts she is always there.

Sadly missed by daughter Gladys and family.

400 NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE MATTER OF THE BANKRUPTCY OF NORTHFACE COUNTRY HOMES INC. OF THE TOWN OF HALIBURTON IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

NOTICE is hereby given that the bankruptcy of Northface Country Homes Inc., Haliburton, Ontario occurred on the 16th day of January, 2006; and that the first meeting of creditors will be held on the 10th day of February, 2006, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon, at the Haliburton Legion Hall, 719 Mountain Street, Haliburton, ON.,

DATED at Toronto this 20th day of January, 2006

ZWAG ASSOCIATES INC.

Trustee in Bankruptcy

Attention: Melvin C. Zwag, FCA, CA-CIRP, CFE

P.O. Box 53, Suite 801

20 Adelaide Street East

Toronto, Ontario M5C 2T6

Phone: (416) 866-3131

450 IN MEMORIAM

MISCIO, ANNIE - In loving memory of my dear mother and grandma who left us Jan. 27, 1993.

God find the softest pillow,

To lay her head upon.

Place a kiss upon her cheek,

And tell her who its from,

Put your arms around her Lord

in

A never ending hug,

And tell her how much I love

her,

And give her all my love.

Miss you so much Mom, **Nell**

and Grandchildren.

MISCIO, ANNIE - In loving memory of my mother who passed away Jan. 27, 1993.

Three little words, Forget Me

Not.

Don't seem like much but mean

a lot.

A loving memory fond and true,

to say dear mom

I think of you.

Sadly missed by daughter

Ruby and grandchildren.

460 OBITUARIES

AT REST

MILDRED (nee McKelvey)

GARTSHORE

Passed away peacefully at

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In her 88th year.

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Minden, Don (predeceased),

Craig and his wife Margaret and

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Gary and his wife Pat of Ajax

and their son's Chris, Gary Jr.,

and Sean. Dear sister of Audrey

Trumbull, Ron McKelvey and

predeceased by Irvin, Doug,

Buster, Jean, Bernice, and Ed.

Fondly remembered by nieces,

nephews, family and friends.

Friends are invited to visit the

family at the Gordon A. Monk

Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Main

St. Minden (or on line at

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January 25, 2006 from 1:00

p.m. until the time of the

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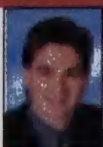
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MINDEN HOME
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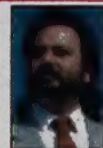
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\$599,000



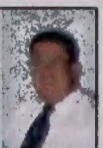
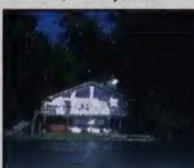
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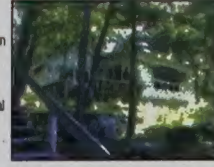
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ext. 223

INGOLDSBY
Well maintained 1800 sq ft bungalow. Modern oak kitchen w/island, w/o kitchen to rear deck, new cedar bath with Jacuzzi tub, 3 bdrms, main floor laundry & new roof, new drilled well, close to lake access.

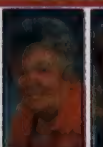
NOW \$169,000



BOSHKUNG LAKE
Spectacular view from this 3 bdrm cottage. Country kitchen with a lake view, open concept living room, w/o LR to deck, perimeter foundation, modern septic, natural rock lot, Western view.



ASKING \$349,000



Lenor Fulton*
286-2911
exts. 23 & 46

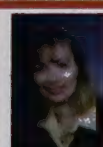
RAVINE ROAD, MINDEN
This two bedroom raised bungalow Royal Home with a full walkout basement is situated a short distance south of Minden on a very private 95 acres property. Nicely treed acreage with trails throughout, large deck, modern propane furnace recently installed, spacious eat-in kitchen. Ideal country retreat!

\$249,500



SWINSON ROAD
Ideal starter or investment/rental home. Situated just off County Road #121, this 3 bdrm bungalow features open concept kit & dining area, main floor family room & office/den. Nestled on nicely treed and private 3 acre lot, this home is presently vacant and available for immediate possession.

ASKING \$124,900



Melanie Vigrass*
286-2911
ext. 40

NEW PRICE!

DAVIS LAKE ROAD

Two lots (6.9 acres and 6.1 acres) on year round Township road with hydro at lot line and backing onto crown land. Call Melanie for details.

\$16,900/each



Linda Beachli*
457-1011
ext. 227

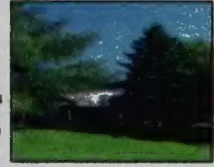
PINE STREET
21 acres + beautifully custom-built 4 bdrm open concept living area with gorgeous 2 storey stone fireplace all nestled in the trees for easy outdoor maintenance. Cedar deck and balcony.

\$469,900



SUNNY & BRIGHT
This legal duplex is beautifully finished with 3 bdrms upstairs and a self-contained 1 bdrm downstairs. Located on a quiet cul-de-sac of Haliburton Village close to hospital and schools. Park-like setting with pond, trails and gardens. Move in and have room for visitors or enjoy double rental income.

\$209,900



Peter Brady*
457-1011
ext. 234

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY
Industrial or commercial - 10 acre package includes 5.41 ind acres with 2 shops, admin office and out buildings + 2.73 commercial lot + 2 - 1 acre industrial lots.

PACKAGE PRICE \$695,000



COMMERCIAL
7 acres commercial property - future mixed commercial on Official Plan. Across from Haliburton Hospital.



\$400,000